

September 21st, 1915.

Theodore W. Koch, Librarian,  
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My dear Mr. Koch:

The notes you sent bearing on the new library building at the University were received some weeks ago, shortly before I left Austin, and I have had very little time to look them over; it is very clear to me, however, that the notes on the Texas Library leave one with an unfair impression of this building. The fault is mine; it is mighty easy to suggest changes in a building when one has had a chance to work in it for a time. In the notes I sent you, I evidently intended to warn you against certain possible errors, and I emphasize these without giving an adequate impression of the excellent features in the building. This is entirely unjust to those who had the planning and erection of the building in charge, and I regret to have had the statement in that regard go out even to a few.

The building is substantial and it is beautiful both inside and out, and further than that it is a very workable building. It is generally conceded that a larger building should have been planned, but when details of construction and arrangement are considered the element of personal opinion and judgment enter into the consideration. There is no question whatever in my mind but what Mr. Goodrich accomplished a very excellent piece of work so far as he placed his stamp upon this building. I want that he should have my hearty commendation rather than the very adverse criticism that I convey in my former letter.

Very truly yours,

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